

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

Larry Maschino absent.

The meeting was called to order with Howard Malcomb leading the pledge to the flag.

Tony Eder made a motion to approve prior minutes; Paul Belding seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Kitty Shepherd, Jennings County Treasurer, came requesting the amendment of the salary ordinance for her first deputy position to \$34,320, a raise of \$3,489. Mrs. Shepherd also informed the board of the resignation of her 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy.

Mike Kelley made a motion to allow the Treasurer to fill the vacant position of the deputy at the current pay of \$27,217; pending qualifications. Josh Yeager seconded the motion; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mike Kelley made a motion to allow the raise of \$3,489 for the salary of the Treasurer's 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy. Motion died for lack of a second.

Next on the agenda was Aaron Bell with SEIRD (Southeastern Indiana Recycling District) with his annual report for the Council. Mr. Bell stated that there is an increase in all areas of recyclables. Standard Recyclables increased by 21% from 2015; Difficult Disposal increased by 16% from 2015 but down from 74% increase in 2014. Satellite Container decreased by 1% from 2015. Mr. Bell stated that they had to pull two containers from Ripley County because of contamination. Curbside Recycling continues to grow with 9% increase from 2015.

While recycling volumes are up so are illegal dumping and contamination challenges. Mr. Bell had some pictures from some container sites and one picture showed a piece of luggage and several dead fish. Some recycling containers have been landfilled due to contamination. The future of the satellite container program is not promising.

There has been fee increases due to the contamination and electronics/refrigerator fees have been reinstated after 5 years of suspended fees. Pharmaceutical regulations result in increased disposal fees and after 21 years tire disposal fees have been increased.

Mr. Bell thanked the Council and the County for their continued support.

Next on the agenda was Andrew Lanam with George K. Baum & Co previously with Reedy Financial, to speak to the Council about the upcoming possible bond for the jail construction. Mr. Lanam spoke of the credentials of his firm and that they are based in Kansas City and Denver and have an office on north side of Indianapolis but will soon be opening an office in Columbus where he will be working. Mr. Lanam stated that he is a licensed CPA and that his experience with public financing and in already having worked with Jennings County, he believes he would be able to offer the best service and best possible price for the bond. Mr. Lanam brought a contract for the Council to look over and the Auditor was asked to email the contract to the County Attorney and each Council member as there was only one copy.

Next on the agenda was Reuben Cummings with GFC, Inc. who presented a contract with the County for Financial Consultant services. The contract was for a flat fee of \$18,000.00 for the year which excludes bond work for new bonds, annual report completion and monthly reconciliation or balance reports.

Dave Woodall made a motion to hire GFC, Inc. contingent on the County Attorney's approval of the contract. Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Vote was 5 yes 1 No Motion passed.

Next on agenda was Greg Martin requesting approval for funding for additional Toddler appropriate playground elements at Muscatatuck Park. Mr. Martin requested that \$3,895.26 be used from fund 1178.

Josh Yeager made a motion to allow the \$3,895.26 is used from fund 1178 the Park's non reverting fund. Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Tony Eder made a motion to appoint Pat Hauersperger to the County Park Board. Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5 Yes 1 Abstain

Next Sheriff Driver asked that the Council consider hiring 2 more jailers after the job study on the jailers. Sheriff Driver said even though the State says they need 10 more jailers; he is asking for 2 at this time and maybe 2 more after training is completed. Sheriff Driver went on to say that with these 2 additional jailers, they will be able to do more work release details which he has some work lined up with the Cemetery and



County Highway. It will help with transporting inmates as well. Josh Yeager asked the costs of adding the two jailers; what is their starting salary and with benefits what would the total costs be and Sheriff Driver apologized that he did not have those figures but would get them for the Council.

Howard Malcomb made a motion to hire 2 jailers and pay them out of the LIT Public Safety. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 Yes 1 No

Next Sheriff Driver stated that in the last two years he has purchased 8 vehicles at no costs to the taxpayers. Sheriff Driver has purchased two more vehicles and is requesting help from the Council to equip the vehicles. The two cars he is replacing will be used for the reserve officers and so he can't take the equipment off and use on the new cars. The cost is around \$16,000 per vehicle so he is requesting \$32,000 from the Council.

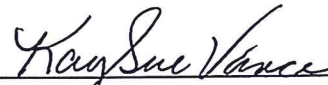
Josh Yeager made a motion to table this until next meeting until Sheriff Driver can give them the breakdown of costs. Dave Woodall seconded the motion; motion passed with unanimous vote.

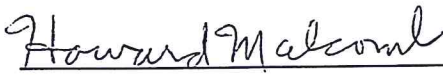
Howard Malcomb wanted to bring up about adding Solar Energy at the Courthouse and annex to help with costs and maintenance. Mr. Malcomb stated that he believes that this is the way to go and now is the time. Mike Kelley stated he would like to have more information and it was said that Greg Hicks could tell him anything he wanted to know.

Auditor Vance stated that she had received a bank statement for Jennings County Building Corp. from MainSource Bank. To her knowledge there is no such corporation in existence at this time and wanted to know what the Council wanted her to do about the balance. The Council advised the Auditor to have the County Attorney look into in and if it is concluded the corporation no longer exists then have the monies transferred to the general fund.


Josh Yeager made the motion to adjourn; Dave Woodall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

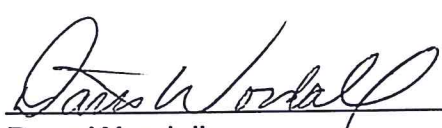
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Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

  
Howard Malcomb, President

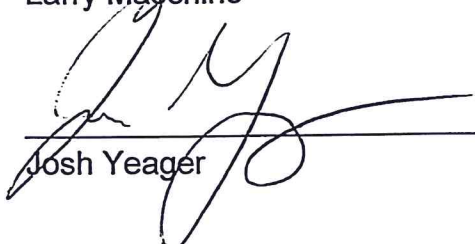
  
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